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State of New Hampshire.

L. S. *To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said town, on the Second Tuesday, being the tenth day of March next at eleven o'clock in the A. M., to act upon the following subjects:

First, To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

Second, To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk.

Third, To choose three Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Fourth, To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

Fifth, To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to make and repair highways and bridges for the ensuing year, and determine whether the same shall be paid in money or labor.

Sixth, To see if the town will vote to dispense with the services of a Liquor Agent for the ensuing year.

Seventh, To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen not to deliver the blank invoice bills until the first of April, agreeable to the amendments of Chapter 55 of the General Laws.

Eighth. To see what action the town will take in relation to a hearse, and raise money therefor.

Ninth, To see if the town will vote to raise fifty dollars for Decoration day.

Tenth, To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old highway leading to the house of Alfred Fitch, beginning at its point of intersection with the new road and continuing to the house of said Alfred Fitch.

Eleventh, To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway leading from the main road to the house formerly occupied by Washington I. Leslie and now owned by Austin Corbin.

Twelfth, To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway leading from the main road to the house formerly occupied by Julius Terry.

Thirteenth, To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the gate on the road leading to the house formerly occupied by Edmond Curtis to the house formerly occupied by Hartley K. Curtis.

Fourteenth, To see if the town will vote to discontinue the highway leading from Corbin's gate near the Quartus Fletcher place into the Deer Park to the terminus of said road.
the terminus of said road.

Fifteenth, To hear the reports of officers, agents, auditors or committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Sixteenth, To transact any other business thought proper when met.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February, A.D. 1891.

JAMES W. FITCH,
GEORGE L. DEMING,
WILLIAM W. BALLOCH, } Selectmen of Cornish.

Financial Report of the Selectmen.

OF THE TOWN OF CORNISH.

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1891.

Inventory of the Town, taken April 1, 1891.

VALUATION.

No. of Polls, 264,	$ 26,400 00
Real estate,	317,562 00
423 Horses	24,852 00
172 Oxen,	7,466 00
854 Cows,	18,302 00
360 Neat stock,	5,904 00
2965 Sheep,	5,512 00
71 Hogs,	386 00
Poultry,	20 00
14 Carriages,	780 00
2 Owners of stock in public funds,	3,000 00
2 do banks,	3,600 00
37 do of money at interest,	22,444 00
14 do stock in trade,	6,424 00
12 do of mills,	4,900 00
1 Toll bridge,	10,000 00
Total,	$457,552 00

The rate of taxation on each hundred dollars was $1.37 in money and 27 cents highway tax.

Amount of tax Assessed.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by the law and by vote of the town to be paid in money is as follows:

For State tax,	$1,245 00
county tax,	1,612 84
support of schools,	871 50
town charges,	2,000 00
balance on soldiers' monument,	19 85
repairs of school houses,	200 00
percentage on above,	321 27
dog tax,	79 00
	$6,349 46

The selectmen have receieved and paid into the treasury the following additional sums:

Of the State rail-road tax,	$ 254 42
do Savings Bank,	778 91
do interest on Literary Fund,	175 48
do deficiency in dog tax for 1889,	17 00
Of County for support of county paupers,	375 06
do do dependent soldiers,	340 37
Sullivan Savings Institution interest on school fund,	27 05
School board discount on school books,	3 81
	$1,972 10
Total,	$8,321 56

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer as follows:

For support of schools,	$1,112 68

The Support of Soldiers and their Dependents.

Caroline Jackson,	$ 172 65	
Horace Spencer,	33 18	
Franklin Burbank,	43 07	
Dennis C. Hebard,	3 50	
Mary Mitchell,	109 14	
		$361 54

For Support of County Paupers.

Asahel Russell,	$ 29 62	
Elihue Russell,	52 04	
Willie J. Goodwin.	52 00	
Benjamin F. Nelson	3 25	
Lucy Fellows,	169 98	
Clarissa Davis,	65 00	
Adaniram Morrison.	7 00	
Stafford Boy,	2 25	
Terry Child.	9 80	
Transients.	3 00	
		$393 94

Town Paupers.

Albert Kelley,	$46 50	
Nathan K. Spaulding for aid furnished in winter of 1888,	6 00	
		$52 50

For Plank, Timber, Tile and Stone.

D. Morgan.	12 59
S. A. Tracy.	3 16
E. H. Smith,	1 86
Lemuel Martindale.	1 51
D. N. Morgan.	12 58
do	71 47
Albert Wild	2 00
D. M. Morgan.	10 78
Rollin Amsden.	91 27
Harvey S. Reade.	6 59
E. C. Howard & Co..	22 01
G. L. Deming.	12 52
O. A. Kelley,	4 97
W. W. Mercer.	10 00
W. E. Deming.	5 98
A. E. Wellman.	2 20
F. A. Johnson.	3 17
W. E. Westgate.	2 72
Rollin Amsden.	31 52
E. C. Howard.	9 32
D. N. Morgan.	27 50
A. C. Chadbourne.	3 62

Stone & Brewster,	5 50	
H. E. Grannis,	10 52	
Stone & Brewster,	1 10	
S. A. Tracy,	3 35	
G. L. Deming,	10 00	
Henry Gould,	4 59	
L. H. Dow,	4 32	
M. L. Walker,	1 26	
C, E. Jackson,	2 00	
E. O. Day,	12 30	
Herbert Deming,	2 20	
		$406 48

Labor on Highways and Bridges.

L. H. Dow,	$ 10 50
Maxwell Evarts,	25 00
W. W. Cole,	5 59
Charles E. Curtis,	3 25
Charles E. Bellows,	2 25
O. A. Kelley,	9 00
W. W. Poole	4 74
John Freeman,	2 32
Wm. E. Chadbourne,	7 25
E. L. Child,	1 86
L. Martindale,	2 03
Curtis Brothers,	9 00
Michael Sheridan,	4 68
Ira M. Hammond,	13 92
W. H. Harlow,	6 00
Harvey S. Reade,	10 31
Adna Hilliard,	13 70
M. V. B. Hurley,	8 25
N. J. Ellis,	3 58
G. L. Deming,	4 62
Curtis Brothers,	7 87
George E. Bugbee,	6 09
Geo. Jackson,	2 00
L. W. Harrington,	4 18
E. O. Goward,	4 00
O. A. Kelley,	9 50
W. D. Lear,	19 03
J. Raynsford,	2 50
W. W. Poole,	17 06

G. H. Ayers,	3 00	
John Conlin,	8 68	
Adna Hilliard,	2 00	
A. W. Fairbanks,	19 48	
G. P. Williams,	5 82	
S. Putnam,	4 03	
Alfred Fitch,	6 37	
W. E. Westgate,	12 79	
A. C. Chadbourne,	2 50	
Edward T. Ayers,	3 00	
H. F. Bartlett,	7 39	
A. W. Fairbanks,	8 92	
S. A. Tracy,	3 28	
W. E. Chadbourne,	2 50	
C. B. Hilliard,	1 46	
W. W. Howard,	3 27	
L. H. Dow,	4 25	
F. W. Read,	1 46	
M. L. Walker,	2 62	
L. Martindale,	8 75	
Henry L. Fletcher,	6 84	
D. B. Kinsman,	88	
		$339 37

Breaking Roads.

J. Raynsford,	$ 6 00
A. C. Chadbourne,	4 00
Lyman Bartlett,	9 65
Alfred Fitch,	9 17
Geo. P. Williams,	6 90
Albert Penniman,	2 10
W. E. Westgate,	2 10
D. D. Bartlett,	3 62
Edward Johnson,	4 20
W. W. Balloch,	3 00
M. Bean,	1 25
C. S. Lear,	2 00
John Conlin,	3 25
Erwin Quimby,	1 85
Geo. Jackson,	1 00
L. H. Dow,	3 00
Geo. Bugbee,	3 00
F. W. Read,	4 00
W. D. Paget,	3 60

O. A. Kelley	2 50	
M. L. Walker,	8 90	
W. W. Poole,	21 55	
C. E Jackson,	2 40	
E. O. Day,	2 60	
Henry L. Fletcher,	4 90	
Charles Curtis,	7 90	
H. Rowell,	1 13	
		$125 57

Incidental Expenses.

Ira Colby, retaining fee,	$ 10 00
H. W. Parker, retaining fee,	10 00
Printing Town Reports, (Fay Thompson & Fay).	36 00
S. M. Greene to Claremont to pay county tax.	1 25
Ivan Smith sweeping town house twice.	1 00
School board, express and postage.	11 65
J. W. Fitch blank books,	6 40
S. M. Bugbee building bridge,	14 40
W. H. Sisson insuring town house and school-house div. 6,	30 00
Frank D. Wiley building bridge and abutments.	37 89
Geo. Tyler & Co., repairs for road machine.	26 10
Harvey Benway services with road machine.	20 00
Almon E. Mace damage on highway,	10 00
Charles E. Bellows building bank wall near S. Richardsons.	15 00
G. L. Deming for repairs on school-houses.	200 00
Curtis Brothers building culvert,	6 00
Charles E. Bellows labor on bridge,	7 00
Harvey Benway services with road machine.	15 00
James F. Tasker building bridge,	79 50
W. W. Cole drawing lumber,	6 40
School board for school books furnished.	130 55
Philander Sargent building railing,	1 54
do drawing lumber for bridge,	15 00
Wm. E. Deming, labor in cemetery.	1 00
do drawing tile,	5 15
Wm. H. Sisson appropriation for soldiers monument.	19 85
Albert Weld drawing stone for bridge,	14 00
J. W. Fitch expense of hearing at Probate Court,	15 25
F. C. Wilkinson examining horse reported sick with glanders,	6 00
J. W. Fitch repairs for road machine.	3 25
J. Fairman making bolts for bridge,	7 50
A. B. Stone watering trough.	3 00

Fay, Thompson & Fay, stamping inventory blanks,	1 50
S. Richardson highway tax paid in labor,	747 83
do pass over land,	5 00
Harvey Benway services with road machine,	15 00
Geo. B. Walker building gate,	2 63
S. Richardson printing tax bills,	1 50
Geo. E. Hilliard watering trough,	2 00
J. Q. York do	2 00
Charles Tyler do	2 00
W. L. Bugbee do	3 00
E. H. Smith do	2 00
T. A. Allen do	3 00
Rosilla Ripley do	1 50
R. A. Dannatt's estate trough,	3 00
A. W. Fairbank's estate trough,	3 00
W. Stuart do	3 00
W. H. Harlow do	2 00
F. W. Dunsmoor do	2 00
C. W. Comings damage to wagon,	2 00
W. W. Mercer drawing stone,	4 00
W. D. Lear watering trough 1889,	2 00
H. H. York building two stone culverts,	30 00
C. E. Jackson building culvert,	10 40
G. L. Deming ¼ expense erecting stones at corner of towns,	4 25
A. W. Fairbanks, gravel,	2 00
Frank Johnson labor in cemetery,	3 00
Philander Sargent drawing plank,	2 75
Solon Carter, State tax,	1245 00
Geo. H. Bartlett county tax,	1612 84
Herbert Deming, school books,	63 39
S. M. Sherburne repairing road machine,	11 42
Harmon Walker damage to wagon,	10 00
J. W. Fitch time and expense to Newport twice,	5 00
G. L. Deming time and expense to Newport,	2 50
Daniel Bartlett damage to wagon,	3 00
Interest, Windsor Savings Bank,	61 76
Martin Bean repairing turn of road near residence,	3 00
W. H. Sisson notifying jurors,	7 20
W. H. Sisson registering births, marriages and deaths,	9 45
E. S. Deming damage to wagon,	7 50
Alfred Fitch land damage,	1 00
C. M. Bythrow painting guide boards,	24 50
Albert Weld services with hearse,	22 00
W. B. Quimby gravel,	1 05
N. J. Ellis snowing bridge,	1 50

C. Blake gravel,	1 00
G. B. Walker labor in cemetery,	1 00
N. Harris wood for record building.	1 25
L. Martindale trustee Foss fund,	10 00
do blasting rocks in highway.	14 68
Chester Pike watering though two years.	1 00
Wm. M. Evarts do	1 00
Chester Pike services on toll bridge com.	2 00
do expense member school board and certificates for teachers,	1 00
do gravel two years,	8 00
J. W. Fitch, postage, express, stationery, Justice fee, etc,	3 75
E. O. Day labor in cemetery,	2 00
Entertainment, stationery and postage.	12 10.
A. E. Wellman services on toll bridge com.	2 00
C. H. Deming interest on order.	9 00
	$1,861 93

Sheep Killed by Dogs.

A. W. Fairbanks.	$ 3 00	
G. P. Williams,	1 75	
H. G. P. Cross.	3 00	
Olin Stearns,	1 50	
Edwin T. Ayers.	2 00	
Chester Pike,	18 00	
D. J. Spaulding.	4 00	
J. W. Pierce,	4 00	
F. W. Dunsmoor	2 00	
H. S. Hall,	4 00	
H. S. Hall,	8 00	
Edward Bryant.	15 20	
		$66 15

Abatement of Taxes.

Asked for by Henry A. Weld. Collector for 1887:

L. Benway,	$5 29	$5 29
On tax book for 1888:		
L. Benway,	5 03	
H. Edminster.	1 52	
F. Kimball,	1 00	
C. C. Mason.	3 71	

Lucius Jackson,	1 05	
Geo. Sweet,	2 50	
John Wright,	1 17	
Mrs. B. F. Bugbee, estate of	2 00	
Charles Bythrow,	2 80	
Horace Bythrow,	36	
Elbridge G. Beers,	1 31	
	——	$22 45

Asked for by Sidney Richardson on tax book of 1889:

Henry Nash,	$ 29	
H. F. Parker,	29	
H. Edminster,	29	
Edmund Curtis,	1 16	
Estate of Judith Curtis,	27	
F. H. Patnode,	1 75	
Thomas Rene,	1 25	
Charles Shuts,	1 41	
Charles E. York,	1 25	
Charles Wright,	1 00	
Julius Terry,	1 88	
Arthur Hazeltine,	1 41	
F. L. Kimball,	36	
Thomas Benway,	46	
Horace L. Bugbee,	3 54	
A. O. Davis,	1 41	
Fred Johnson,	1 25	
John Lee,	1 41	
Clarence Osmore,	2 41	
	——	23 09

Overtax.

Marshall Harlow,	$ 1 25
Geo. M. Harlow,	1 25
W. L. Bugbee,	1 37
J. A. Wellman,	1 37
Congregational Society,	16 44
B. K. Chase,	1 19
R. D. Chadbourne,	1 37
G. M. Harlow,	1 37
B. F. Lewis,	1 59
Ed. Mascott,	1 37
H. Spencer,	72
Martin Conlin,	1 25
Patrick Conlin,	1 41
William Conlin,	1 41

F. Corey.	1 25	
C. C. Mason,	1 41	
B. F. Lewis.	1 25	
	——	$37 27

Town Officers' Services.

Geo. L. Deming, services as Supervisor.	$ 4 50	
A. S. Sisson, do do	5 00	
S. M. Green, do do	9 00	
Wm. Tandy services as selectman, Mar. '89.	5 50	
Geo. Fairbanks do supervisor	8 00	
W. H. Sisson do Town Clerk.	30 00	
F. H. Weld do Auditor,	6 00	
F. H. Weld do clerk of School Dis.	5 00	
C. H. Deming do Treasurer.	30 00	
S. Richardson do Collector,	75 00	
J. W. Fitch do Selectman.	104 68	
Geo. L. Deming do do	90 49	
Wm. W. Balloch services as selectman.	78 31	
Chester Pike do member School Board from Feb. 24 to Mar. 12. 1889.	10 50	
E. O. Day services as Auditor.	6 00	
Herbert Deming services as member of School Board	40 00	
Wm. H. Child do do	14 75	
Geo. L. Deming do do	39 25	
	——	$591 98

Recapitulation.

Total amount received.		$8,321 56
Amount of orders drawn. :		
For support of schools.	$1,112 68	
" " county paupers.	393 94	
" " town paupers.	52 50	
" " soldiers and their dependents.	361 54	
plank, timber, tile and stone.	106 48	
labor on highways and bridges.	339 37	
breaking roads, winter of '90 and '91.	125 57	
incidental expenses.	1,861 93	
sheep killed by dogs.	66 45	
taxes abated on book of 1887.	5 29	
" " " " " 1888.	22 45	
" " " " " 1889.	23 09	

For overtax,	37 27	
town officers servites,	591 98	
		$8,400 54
Balance against the town,		78 98

Orders Outstanding Against the Town.

1888. Feb. 28,	No. 250,	Herbert Deming,	$150 00	
1890. Nov. 29,	" 172,	A. W. Fairbanks,	3 00	
	" 179,	G. P. Williams,	1 75	
Dec. 27,	" 193,	H. G. P. Cross,	3 00	
	" 196,	Olin Stearns,	1 50	
	" 197,	Edwin T. Ayers,	2 00	
	" 198,	Chester Pike,	18 00	
	" 199,	Darwin Spaulding,	4 00	
	" 200,	J. W. Pierce,	4 00	
	" 201,	F. W. Dunsmoor,	2 00	
	" 202,	H. S. Hall,	4 00	
1891. Jan. 27,	" 222,	H. S. Hall,	8 00	
Feb. 21,	" 245,	Edward Bryant,	15 20	
27,	" 312,	L. H. Dow,	4 22	
27,	" 313,	do	4 32	
27,	" 314,	do	3 00	
				$228 02

The Liabilities of the Town.

Are as follows:

Due on outstanding orders,	$228 02	
Due L Martindale, agent to repair road, unexpended balance,	22 25	
		$250 27

The Assets of the Town.

Are as follows:

Taxes uncollected 1889,	$ 80 07	
do 1890,	860 06	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	84 73	
		$1024 86
Leaving the balance in favor of town,	$774 29	

We respectfully recommend the town to raise money as follows:

To defray Town Charges,	$1500 00
To make and repair highways and bridges,	1200 00
To purchase a hearse.	300 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES W. FITCH,
GEORGE L. DEMING,
WILLIAM W. BALLOCH,
} Selectmen of Cornish.

FOSS & KIMBALL FUNDS.

Believing that the true intention of Messrs. Foss and Kimball in the manner of using the interest accruing on the funds bequeathed by them to the Town of Cornish for the benefit of the "worthy poor", to be a distribution of said interest to render timely aid to those whom age or sickness has incapacitated for labor, we have therefore used this interest where in our judgment most needed and do not believe it to be the wishes of the town that the names of their beneficiaries should be made public, but such record will remain in the hands of the selectmen.

Received of Lemuel Martindale, Trustee.

Interest of Foss Fund	$112 80
Paid out	109 86
Balance in our hands	$ 2 94

Received of Sullivan Savings Institution.

Interest on Kimball Fund from July 1 to Jan. 1, 1890	$ 75 00
Paid out	67 45
Balance in our hands	$ 7 55

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIVED

1890		
March 18, of S. M. Greene, former Treas.,	$ 15 25	
March 26, of Selectmen deficiency in dog tax for 1889,	17 00	
Sept. 5, Selectmen, railroad tax,	254 42	
do Savings Bank,	778 91	
do int. on literary fund,	175 48	
do support of soldiers and their dependents,	340 37	
do support of county paupers,	375 06	
1891		
Feb. 23, of Selectmen int. on school fund,	27 05	
do H. M. Weldon 1888 taxes,	152 92	
do Sidney Richardson on 1889 taxes,	2,076 40	
do Sidney Richardson int. on 1889 taxes,	61 64	
do Sidney Richardson, on 1890 taxes,	5,546 08	
do Sidney Richardson int. on 1890 taxes,	10 56	
Feb. 28, Selectmen,	3 81	
		$9,834 95

PAID OUT.

On old orders,	$ 1427 73	
On new orders,	8322 49	
Cash on hand,	84 73	
		$9,834 95

DOG FUND.

Amount of dog tax,	79 00	
Amount of orders drawn for damage done by dogs,	66 45	
Balance,		12 35

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. DEMING, Treasurer.

Jacob Foss Legacy, Trustee's Report.

The undersigned, trustee of the Foss Fund, makes the following report:

June 17, 1881, received of James M. Davidson, former trustee of the Foss fund, the amount of the legacy paid by the executors of the Will of Jacob Foss, late of Charlestown, Mass., deceased,		$2,820 00
Received as interest on said fund, for the year ending September 14, 1890,		169 20
Paid the selectmen of Cornish to be appropriated for the support of the poor of the town,		112 80
Balance of interest to be appropriated for flags and fixtures and putting up same,	$56 40	
Deduct interest expended last year,	3 14	53 26
Cash paid James F. Tasker for splicing and raising a flag pole at South Cornish, and setting over flag pole at Cornish Flat,		45 00
Personal expense,		3 00
		$48 00
Interest unexpended,	$5 26	

Which is respectfully submitted,

LEMUEL MARTINDALE, Trustee.

Auditors' Certificate.

We certify, that we have examined the foregoing statements of the selectmen, Treasurer, Trustee of the Foss Fund, and find their accounts, correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK H. WELD,
STEPHEN A. TRACY. } Auditors.

The State of New Hampshire.

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Cornish qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said District on the tenth day of March, 1891, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1—To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2—To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3—To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4—To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise for the support of schools in addition to the tax required by law.

5—To see what sum of money the District will vote for permanent repairs of school-houses, including furniture and apparatus.

6—To see if the District will vote to build a new school-house in Div. 10. and raise money therefor.

7—To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

8—To hear reports of officers, auditors or committees heretofore chosen. and pass any vote relating thereto.

Given under our hands at said Cornish this eighteenth day of Feb'y, 1891.

HERBERT DEMING, } School Board
GEORGE L. DEMING, } of
W. H. CHILD, } Cornish.

Report of the School Board.

We have during the year now past, maintained 22 terms of school in 12 different houses aggregating 219 weeks in all, employing 2 male, and 11 female teachers. Receiving no additional appropriation for schools during the past year, we have been led to economise in every way possible; withholding schools where, otherwise, they would have been maintained, and paying no conveyance bills except to keep nearly within legal requirements. By this economy, with the aid of some funds left over from last year, we have been enabled to extend our winter term to 12 weeks in each division, and most of them have had that amount of schooling. It was decided by the board that no division should have but two terms during the year. The only exception where there was an excess, was in division 3. A large portion of the fund there is received as tuition from Plainfield patrons. An earnest desire of theirs was expressed for a third term. Had we withheld the favor, we should not only have lost the tuition from their scholars, but, doubtless, would have had to pay tuition for our own scholars attending in Plainfield; so for these reasons we granted them a third term.

We have established $1.50 per week as a minimum price for board, therefore any, boarding a teacher for less than that rate will be credited as giving so much. We acknowledge in this way the receipt of $4.50 in Div. 14, and 4 weeks board in Div. 9, whereby the schools were lengthened proportionately.

We have endeavored to do the best we could under each and all

the circumstances of the year: and in all our relations to the schools to lay aside all personal preferences and consult only the highest good of all concerned. That we have made mistakes, we do not deny, but let us ever remember it is human to err but it is divine to forgive.

TEACHERS.

In the main our teachers have given satisfaction to both employers and patrons, yet there have been some instances to the contrary.

A lack of thoroughness in regard to the proper strndard of good recitation has been evident in some schools. It is necessary in the first place, that a teacher have a clear and intelligent idea of a subject in all its bearings and then be able, when necessary, to convey the same to the mind of the pupil with the same clearness. Ordinarily, this will interest, instruct, and advance the pupil. Without this qualification on the part of the teacher, the pupils will spend their school days in half-doing, in a half-knowing, half-interested state of mind that brings but little profit for the time thus spent. A lack of completeness as to the discipline of the school will be the natural concomitant of such conditions. A teacher can never make a seccess, as such, without a careful preparation of each lesson in advance of its recitation. Some of our most promising young teachers are not, as yet, so far in advance of their older pupils as we could wish. We would urge upon them the importance of taking a complete course at the academy or Normal School and thoroughly fitting themselves for the great trust committed to their hands.

While some teachers have not been up to our ideas of what they should be, we would say a few words to parents regarding them. We believe that our teachers have too little sympathy from the patrons of their schools, and that, instead of manifesting any appreciation or granting any assistance in their trying duties, they are too often left to shape the success of their school as best they can. As a rule there is no class who make more earnest effort to know and do their duty and make a success, than do our school teachers, and none so little appreciated or assisted as they. A greater por-

tion of their energies are spent in counteracting the effects of defective home training, for order and obedience are necessary to the reception of knowledge. Without obedience there can be no order; without order there can be no attention, and without attention the efforts of the teacher are abortive, no matter how efficient or earnest the teacher may be. What does it benefit if our teachers receive the highest order of education if they must spend their time and energies in training their pupils to the first principles of obedience? Take the child, who, at home obeys only through fear of the whip, whose sensibilities have never been roused above physical impulses, to apply the refining principles of education to such a mind is like trying to polish a rough material before smoothing down the coarse features. It is because of these conditions that our teachers often fail in results; they have every qualification for success, were the conditions favorable. If therefore, we would have our children receive the full benefit of the qualifications and abilities of our public school teachers we should, as parents, do our part in training and fitting our children to receive the instruction. Parents, too, cannot be too careful before their children as to their bearing towards a teacher and their school. An expression, a word, or even a look, indicating the parents unfavorable attitude toward a teacher, is caught, remembered, and magnified and oft repeated at school, and thus are matters made much worse than if the parent had seriously counseled good order and obedience.

TEXT BOOKS.

Under the "Free Text Book Law" our schools have been provided with all necessary supplies with very satisfactory results.

This is one of the most progressive steps our state has ever taken for the education of her youth. It gives the poor an equal chance with the rich. There is no excuse for staying at home because "I have no books", consequently the attendance is increased. Each scholar has a book by himself necessary to reap the best advantages of school, instead of two or three looking over together as has

often been seen in some of our schools. tempting whispering and mischief, we have greater results better and longer lessons. It does away with the practice of borrowing and returning so annoying to teacher and lender. It gives the scholar independence whereby he learns to help himself. Some of our books (Harpers Geographies) in use the preceeding year were quite old editions and the supply quite limited therfore we believed it economy to adopt and purchase a new and revised work namely :—Appleton's, which we believe to be best suited for our schools. As we had no standard history we adopted and purchased Eggleston's U. S. histories, both the above works are largely in use and of the highest reputation, also purchased at reasonable rates. The sum expended for books may seem large by some of our citizens, for the first year, but as we are now well supplied with satisfactory text books the expense for the next few years need be very small. Judging from towns that have used the "Free Text Book System" the average cost per scholar for five years is little more than the cost of one geography at retail rates.

Much credit is due the pupils for the good care taken of the books they have used and returning them promptly at the close of school. We give below a list of the text books now used in our town as follows: New Franklin's Readers. Robinson's First Arithmetic. Fish's No. 2 Arithmetic, Appleton's Geographies, Egleston's U. S. Histories, Swinton's Grammars, Swinton's Spellers, Harper's Copy Book, Brand's Physiologies. Meservey's Book-keeping, Wentworth's Algebra, Worcester's Dictionaries.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

This is a matter still claiming our attention. We have endeavoured to expend the greater portion of your appropriation last years, where, according to our best judgment, it was most needed. The house in div. No. 9, has been shingled and painted; considerable repairs made on the house in div. No. 4, while all the houses used

have needed and received more or less incidental repairs upon them. A further appropriation is needed in order to preserve by painting, several of our houses where the old paint is fast wearing and washing off; besides the interior of most of our houses need renewing with paint, paper and whitewash, for we believe that beauty, order and neatness are excellent factors in the formation of the character of our children and youth.

Our school-houses too are generally barren of school apparatus, (except outline maps), while under our "Free Text Book Law," the teachers' desks are proving inadequate receptacles for the books of the district during vacation, and some means should be devised for the accommodation and safety of these.

We still feel it our duty to recommend the building and furnishing of a new house in division No. 10. It is the second school in size in the district, and its accommodations are vastly inferior to those of any other house in the district. We hope the district will favorably consider the article in the warrent relating thereto. We have during the past year made sale of the school-house in division No. 12, as all the lands owned by the former patrons of the school, including all lands surrounding the house, have been sold to the proprietors of the "Corbin Deer Park," (so called,) and as it was about to be enclosed in said park, it was deemed good policy to dispose of the same, price $75.00 which amount is in our possesion.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Division 3. Irene C. Chapman, Nettie E. Thrasher 2 terms, Sadie E. Tracy, Blanch L. Daniels, Willie B. Tracy, Harry D. Thrasher, two terms.

Division 4. Claton L. Bartlett, two terms. Mertie R. Cole, Willie J. McCarty, Hattie E. Jones, Frank E. Jones.

Division 5. Lilla C. Pardy, Ina L. Pardy, Lizzie J. Walker, Ina J. Walker, Leon M. Huggins, two terms. Herman L. Walker.

Division 6. Mary Huggins, Ella Butman, Lena Kempton, Velzara Cummings, Austin C. Huggins, two terms. Chester Fitch, Martin Hurley, Auther Hurley, George Howard, Wennie Stewart, Wallace Harris, Roy Harris.

Division 7. Clara E. Wellman, Ellen M. Nelson, Alice J. Nelson, Emma L. Nelson, Eva L. Nelson, two terms. Asel E. Russell.

Division 8. Lena C. Nevins, Mary E. Wiley, Sadie E. Chase.

Division 9. Levitha E. Dole, Guy M. Dole.

Division 10. Alice M. Bugbee, Ina E. Hilliard, two terms. Edith M. Mace, Alvin H. Boyd, Ivan H. Boyd, Bennie F. Nelson.

Division 11. Willie J. McCarty, Earl W. Brown, Ivan J. Smith, Lyndon S. Smith, Clayton R. Smith, Mertie R. Cole, Louis H. Jackson.

Division 13. Earl W. Brown.

Division 14. S. Emma Rowell, Ellie A. Rowell.

School District Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1890			
March	15.	Received of Herbert Deming, former treasurer, balance of school fund,	$ 181 99
"	"	Credited to old Div. No. 1,	8 33
"	"	" " " " " 3,	2 38
May	27.	Of town treasurer bal. of school fund, 1889,	38 85
Aug.	2.	" J. G. Rowell toward expenses in Div. 14,	4 50
Aug.	2.	" W. H. Child for chunks sold Div. 6	80
1891			
Feb.	6.	" W. P. Thrasher due from Plainfield, 1889	28 00
"	"	" W. P. Thrasher due from Plainfield, 1890	39 00
"	"	" town amount raised by law	871 50
"	"	" town literary fund,	175 38
"	"	" " interest on school fund,	27 05
			$1 377 78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid bills due in 1889.		
for teachers salaries	$ 115 00	
buildings fires	6 50	
conveyance	11 66	
		$ 133 16

teachers for summer term (including board)	$ 120 50	
teachers for fall term (including board),	152 00	
teacher for winter term (including board),	499 00	
for wood,	99 90	
for conveyance,	17 96	
for building fires, care of house,	17 80	
		$ 1207 16
Total amount received,	1377 78	
expended,	1340 32	
Balance in treasurer's hands,		$ 37 46

The unsettled claims (if any) against the district will be trifling.

REPAIR FUND, INCLUDING FURNITURE AND APPARATUS.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Herbert Deming former treasurer,	$ 20	
of town amount appropriated,	200 00	
of W. H. Child, cash for damage to house, div. 6,	50	
		$ 200 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for cleaning school houses,	12 00	
for labor and material, div. 1,	36 29	
9,	77 56	
6,	1 50	
5,	1 50	
for sundry repairs in several divisions,	7 29	
		$ 136 14
Total amount received,	$ 200 70	
expended,	136 14	
Balance in treasurer's hands,		$ 64 56

Respectfully,

GEORGE L. DEMING, Treasurer of School Board.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We, the undersigned having examined the foregoing financial report of the Treasurer of the School Board of the town of Cornish, do hereby certify that we find it correct, and properly vouched.

FRANK H. WELD,
STEPHEN A. TRACY, } Auditors.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

School Division.	Teachers Names.	Season	Weeks.	Wages per m. inc. board.	Number Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Visits of School Board.	Reading	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	Book-keeping.	Physiology.	Composition.	Drawing.
1	Gratia S. Chadbourne	Summer	9	20	9	7	2	9	9	8	6	5	1	1		1	1	6	
	Gratia S. Chadbourne	Winter	13	20	10	7	2	9	10	8	6	6	2	2	1			6	
3	George D. Austin	Summer	8	19	10	10	2	10	10	10	10	10	2	5			10	2	
	Nettie G. Williams	Fall	8	16	11	10	2	11	11	10	9	9	1	6	1		11		
	George D. Austin	Winter	13	22	14	11	2	12	12	12	12	11	1	11	1	3	12	12	
4	Annie E. Harrington	Summer	9	18	7	7	2	7	7	4	6	3	6			2	7	6	
	Andie E. Harrington	Fall	8	18	11	9	2	11	11	7	10	7	7				10	9	
5	Hattie M. Kelley	Summer	9	18	13	12	2	13	13	7	10	6	3				13		
	Hattie M. Kelley	Winter	12	20	16	12	2	16	16	10	12	9	6				16		
6	Nettie G. Williams	Summer	9	24	31	29	2	29	3	30	18	12	3	1	1	3	1		
	Wm. C. Dutton	Winter	10	29	33	22	2	28	33	26	24	22	3	8					
7	Ida L. Child	Summer	9	18	7	7	2	7	7	7	5	5	2	1	2	2	3	2	
	Ida M. Child	Winter	12	20	9	8	2	7	8	9	7	4	4	2	2		4	4	5
8	Amy I. Hilliard	Summer	9	18	9	8	2	9	9	9	7	5				2			
	Amy I. Hilliard	Winter	12	20	11	10	2	11	11	11	9	4	2	4	2			5	
9	Amy I. Hilliard	Fall	11	18	19	14	2	17	17	16	16	16	7	3				7	
10	Carrie E. Bailey	Summer	9	18	12	9	2	11	11	9	9	4				2			
	Lillian J. Kelley	Winter	10	20	2	16	3	17	2	16	16	12	5		2				
11	Ada P. Wellman	Summer	9	18	18	13	2	18	18	12	13	13	4	2		5		6	
	Rosette A. R. Barten	Winter	12	20	21	16	2	19	21	19	19	11	9	3	2		5	19	
13	Hattie M. Kelley	Fall	9	18	6	6	2	5	6	5	5	5	1						
14	Julia A. Ayers	Summer	9	15	4	3	2	1	3	4	4	4	2	1			1		

TABLE NO. 2.

No. of scholars not less than 5 years of age who have attended school not less than two weeks,.....160

No. of persons between 14 and 21 years of age unable to read or write,..... 0

No. of children between 5 and 15, reported by Selectmen, boys, 58, girls, 69,.....127

No. of children between 5 and 15 not attending school,..... 2

No. of visits of citizens and others,.....169

Average cost per scholar,.....$8.32

HERBERT DEMING,
GEORGE L. DEMING,
W. H. CHILD.
} School Board of Cornish.

VITAL STATISTICS.

In compliance with an Act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "Clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths, to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," we submit the following:

Births Registered in the Town of Cornish, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31st, 1890.

Date of Birth, 1890.	Name of the child (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, &c.	Color.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation Father.	Birthplace and age of Father.	Birthplace and age of Mother.
Jan. 29		M		Living.	3d	All White.	Mar. M. Williams....	Alice L. Williams....	All White.	Cornish.	Farm Laborer	Cornish 49	Bridgewat'r, Vt 33
Feb. 8		M		do	2d		El. E. Johnson.....	Anna J. Lear.....		do	Farmer	do 32	Cornish 27
12		M		Still-born.	4th		Sid'y Richardson....	Ella J. Sturtevant....		do	Grocer.....	do 43	do 41
28	Thomas Francis..	M		Living.	6th		Thomas Burke.....	Kate Lee		do	Laborer,.....	Scariff, Ireland. 26	Moretown, Vt. 43
Mc'h 18	Nellie M.....		F	do	6th		Curtis Nelson.....	Mary A. Metcalf.....		do	Farmer	Plainfield 39	Woodstock, Vt. 32
19		M		do	5th		Fred. W. Read.....	Emma E. Hook.....		do	do	do 40	Croydon 36
July 16	James L. W., Jr...	M		do	1st		J. L. W. Thayer.....	Julia M. Olney.....		do	do	Prescott, Mass.. 56	Munson, Mass.. 35
Aug. 18			F	do	1st		Dwi't H mmond.....	Rosa J. Spaulding....		do	Farm Laborer	West Windsor, Vt 23	Windsor, Vt... 28
Sept. 15			F	do	4th		Albert P. Butman. ..	Sarah J. Huggins...		do	do	Morristown, Vt. 33	Cornish,..... 29
Oct. 17		M		do	4th		Marsh. M. Howard....	Mary M. Stone.....		do	Painter	Cornish..... 39	Plainfield 33
Nov. 24		M		do	3d		Wm. E. Young.....	Alice O. Fairbanks..		do	Farmer	Manchester 25	Cornish 28
Dec. 3			F	do	2d		Wm. J. Huggins.....	Mary S. Fairbanks...		do	do	Cornish 56	do 33
6	George Edward..	M		do	1st		Edmund B. Hunt....	Martha Maude Soule.		do	Clerk	do 26	Hong Kong, C'a 24
7			F	do	3d		Worth C. Jordau.....	Eva L. Newton.....		do	Farm r	Plainfield 42	Plainfield 36
13		M		do	6th		Aleck Duclos..... ...	Louise B rg			Farm La r er	St. McGuire, Ca. 40	Clarendon, Vt. 28

Marriages Registered in the Town of Cornish, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31st, 1890.

Date 1890.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age, yrs.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Feb. 9	West Claremt	Dana Boyd	Cornish	44	All White.	Farm Laborer	Hartford, Vt.	Kingsbury Boyd	Hartford, Vt.	2d	Rev. Joseph A. Ticknor, Claremont.
								Susan Marsh			
		Mary E. Plant	Hartford, Conn.	41		Domestic	Hartford, Conn.	William Wright		"	
Apr. 29	Winchester	James E. Spaulding	Cornish	33		Farmer	Cornish	Ariel K. Spaulding	Plainfield	"	Rev. H. A. Hanaford, Winchester.
								Sarah Abbot	do		
		Mary E. Atherton	Winchester	21		Domestic	Richmond	Holsey Atherton	Richmond	1st	
								Esther Swan	do		
May 1	Claremont.	Fred. H. Sanderson	Cornish	22		Farm Laborer	Cornish	Henry H. Sanderson	Weathersfield, Vt	"	Rev. O. C. Sargent, Claremont.
								Nancy A. Kidder	Cornish		
		Nellie E. Angier	Claremont	20		Domestic	Barnard, Mt	Thaddeus Angier	Barnard, Vt.	"	
								Ellen Short	Plainfield		
Sept. 7	Cornish.	Michael J. Regan	Ludlow	27		Butcher	Plymouth	John Regan	Ireland	"	Wm. H. Sisson, Justice peace.
								Orva Tear	Plymouth, Vt.		
		Ella B. Rowe	do	34		Housewife	do	Stephen Ayer	Bridgewater, Vt.	2d	
								Laura Hutchinson			
20	Reading, Vt.	Erwin E. Williams	Cornish	24		Farm Laborer	Claremont	Martin M. Williams	Cornish	1st	Rev. Albert Heald, Reading, Vt.
								Sarah A. Bugbee			
		Jennie M. Dana	do	17		Domestic	Plainfield	Dauphin B. Dana	West Windsor, Vt	"	
								Marcia Read	Cornish		
30	Cornish.	Frank C. Jackson	do	55		Blacksmith	Dorchester, Canada.	Ephraim Jackson		2d	Rev. Geo. A. Glines, Cornish Flat.
								Mary Gould			
		Emily S. Bacon	Providence, R. I.	40		Milliner	Kingston, R. I.	W. C. Sanford		2d	
								Hannah Dewey			
Oct. 18	do	Clark McKane	Leadville, Col	26		Carpenter	Keene, N. Y.	Adam McKane		1st	Rev. Geo. A. Glines, Cornish Flat.
								Sarah Jackson	Ireland		
		Rose Stone	Plainfield	27		Housewife	Strafford, Vt.	Benjamin Stone	Plainfield	"	
								Mary Holt	Strafford, Vt.		
Nov. 27	Orford.	Levi L. Chapman	Cornish	55		Farmer	Cornish	Levi Chapman		2d	Rev. E. J. Tannly, Orford.
								Alice Squires			
		Mary J. Bixby	Lyme	49		Housewife	Plainfield	Amos Fox, Jr.		3d	
								Lucinda D. French			
Dec. 31	Cornish.	Luman H. Hilliard	Cornish	24		Teamster	Cornish	Joseph Hilliard		1st	Rev. James T. Jackson, Cornish.
								Mary B. Bryant	Cornish		
		Ida E. York	do	20		Domestic	do	Hiram H. York	do	1st	
								Eliza E. Walker	do		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Cornish, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31st, 1890.

Date 1890.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and condition. Male.	Female.	Color.	Sing'l, m'r'd, w'd'd.	Occupation.	Place of Birth. Father.	Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan. 8	Cornish	Luc' Ann Hodgman	54	2	9	Windsor, Vt.		F	All White.	M	Housewife	Reading, Mass.	Middleboro', Mass	Aaron Damon.	Lavinia Cushman
15	do	Eunice D. Nelson	74	7	28	Plainfield		F		W	do		Plainfield	Ezra Harrington.	Orpha Cory
23	Windsor, Vt.	Orla'do E. Williams	55	3	28	Cornish	M			S	Machinist	Cornish	Cornish	Stephen Williams	Mary Sartwell
Feb. 12	Cornish	Infant				do	M					do	do	Sid'y Richardson.	Ella I. Sturtevant
13	do	Nellie G. Weld	43	6				F		M	Housewife	Newbury	Newbury, Vt.	Oran. Gillingham	Tryph. Gillingham
M'ch 25	do	Chloe H. Bryant	89	9	12	Cornish		F		W	do			Samuel Hildreth.	
29	Lempster	Lemuel Benway	57	5	20	Plainfield	M			W	Mechanic		Grantham	Buzzell Benway	Harriet Muzzey
Apr. 18	Cornish	Stephen L. Stearns	64	8	8	Cornish	M			M	Laborer	Cornish.	Dublin	Daniel Stearns	Mary M. Williams
July 17	do	Richm'd E. Rawson	56	8	8	do	M			M	Carpenter	do	Plainfield	Wm. Rawson	Aman. Lamberton
Aug. 26	do	Robert A. Dannat	79			England	M			M	Hotel Keeper	England	England		
Sept. 2	do	Sarah R. Solger	65	11	14	Brownington, Vt		F		W	Housewife	Brownington, Vt.	Cornish	Asa K. Smith	Sophia Hilliard
3	do	Sophia W. Bryant	90	3		Plainfield		F		W	do			Gid'n Woodward.	Zerusah Woodward
10	do	Roxana C. Bean	81	5	10	Grantham		F		W	do	Cabot, Vt.	Andover	Peter Carr	Sarah Mitchell
16	do	Mabel M. Bythrow.		9	16	Cornish		F				Lebanon	Plainfield	Chas. M. Bythrow	Lucy M. Nash
30	do	Benj. S. Fletcher	80	10		do	M			M	Carpenter	New Ipswich	Townsend, Mass.	Ebene'r Fletcher	Sybil Spaulding
Nov. 8	Concord	Mary Burbank	84					F		M	Housewife			Joseph Wood	—— Pierce
11	Cornish	Arial K. Wood	87			Cornish	M			W	Farmer				
18	do	Mary E. Raymond.	61	9	3	Watertown, N. Y.		F		M	Housewife		Woodstock, Vt	Abijah Farwell	Marcia Persons
30	do	Ariel K. Spaulding.	72	6	13	Plainfield	M			M	Blacksmith	Claremont	Plainfield	Zerbi. Spaulding.	Abigail Spaulding

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM H. SISSON, TOWN CLERK.